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Dear Dr. Vaughn:

Thank you for your letter of July 30. None of the *Escherichia* cultures your assistant sent were interfertile with K-12, but two or three of them may prove to be what I was looking for with respect to a cellobiose-fermenter that would not be too gummy.

We are reasonably well supplied with the usual coliforms from human sources, and I would not wish to trouble you to augment our supply of these types. If you could let us have such cultures from other sources, however, I would appreciate it very much. Although tests on unusual types would be most interesting, we still have not done so much with "typical" cultures not to wish to continue testing them.

Thank you for pointing out my oversight with respect to putting your name on our mailing list- it will be corrected promptly. Meanwhile, you may be interested in a note in the July 20 Science giving a preliminary account, as of many months ago, of our findings.

Yours sincerely,

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Associate Professor of Genetics.